

THE NEWS IN LONDON.

THE DEBATE ON THE TONGKIN CREDIT BILL.

HICKS PACHA'S DEFEAT—CABINET MATTERS—MR. GOSCHEN'S DECLINATION.
(BY CABLE TO THE TRIBUNE.)

LONDON, Dec. 8.—No inference can be drawn from yesterday's unfinished debate on the Tonquin credit bill in the French Chamber. The Paris correspondents expect that the credit will be voted, but drop ominous hints of an accompanying vote of censure on M. Ferry, more of whose duplicities and deceptions stare them in the face as they turn over the Yellow Book. The Bourse's dispatches last May prove that the Ministers were fully informed and were explicitly warned of the certainty that the Chinese were determined to resist further French incursions in Tonquin, and were able to offer formidable opposition. A further dispatch from Marquis Tseng, not included in the Yellow Book, and the existence of which was denied by the Ferry journals, appeared to-day, dated December 5, expressing the hope that Admiral Courbet would be ordered not to approach Bac-Ninh or Sontay, and declaring that such an act would be deemed by China as inconsistent with French professions of a desire for peace. The French official journals nevertheless during the week kept repeating that China was ready to abandon those positions, and that Admiral Courbet's expected attack was delayed despite the pressure from Prime Minister Ferry.

LACK OF ENERGY IN EGYPT.
Bits of evidence continue to come from Egypt confirming the destruction of Hicks Pacha's army. Baker Pacha remains at Cairo hurrying forward reluctant troops. The transport facilities are deficient, the English and Egyptian authorities alike showing a lack of energy. There appears to be slight hope of saving Khartoum.

DENYING DIVISIONS IN THE CABINET.

The oratorical duel between Lord Hartington and Mr. Chamberlain continues, the critics inferring from Lord Hartington's moderation and Mr. Chamberlain's audacity that the Radical programme is likely to carry the day in the Cabinet. Every Ministerial speaker denies any division in the Cabinet, Mr. Chamberlain himself calmly declaring that he is quite unaware of any, but Lord Salisbury in an amusing speech at Watford on Thursday catalogued the contradictions between the public statements by members of the Cabinet on franchise and other questions, and predicted Lord Hartington's ultimate surrender. The Tories threaten to question the Ministers at the opening of the session as to whether they will accept or reject Mr. Chamberlain's declaration in favor of manhood suffrage. Mr. Childers, while professing to be unable to disclose Cabinet purposes, asserts positively that reform in the London municipality will accompany a reformed franchise at the next session. Among all these speeches Mr. Trevelyan's on Ireland is really the most important, embodying a careful, and, on the whole, successful, defence of the Irish policy of the Government, and giving an encouraging account of the economical condition of Ireland, where rents are now paid regularly. Outrages have diminished and boycotting has ceased, and there are signs of agricultural prosperity in every province.

A RECEPTION TO LORD ROSMERE.

The political condition must be described in far different terms, recent events in Ulster and elsewhere showing that nothing but the Queen's Government stands between Ireland and civil war. An enthusiastic public reception was given to Lord Rosmere yesterday at Monaghan, a crowded meeting protesting against his removal from his position as a Commissioner of the Peace as an insult to loyal subjects in Ireland. Ulster pretty plainly sympathizes with Lord Rosmere, and is puzzled because the Government cures him.

THE SPEAKERSHIP OF THE COMMONS.

Mr. Goschen's final refusal to accept the Speakership of the House of Commons saves a first-class statesman to active public life. The extreme radicals would have been happy to see so able and moderate a Liberal shelved. Arthur Peel has consented to accept the post, for which, though not in the front rank of politicians, he is quite good enough.

THE MESSAGE AND CARLISLE'S REACTION.

The President's message arouses but languid interest, and the comments are without point. Mr. Carlisle's election was first telegraphed here as a decisive triumph for free trade. The English press, earning prudence from repeated delusions, received the news with cautious hopefulness. The Economist, while conceding the improbability of tariff legislation at this session of Congress, is sanguine enough to expect that before long a decided step will be made toward free trade. Reflection confirms the first English view of the Suez canal agreement. It is a fairly satisfactory compromise of the financial and administrative disputes, leaving political questions and M. de Lesseps's claim to the monopoly to be included in a future settlement.

MR. TENNYSON AND THE PEERAGE.

Conflicting reports appeared at intervals during the week respecting Mr. Tennyson and the peerage. It is asserted on high authority that the offer was unquestionably made six weeks ago. Mr. Tennyson fully intends to accept, though the question is supposed to be complicated by the recent engagement of his eldest son to a young lady with every admirable quality, but without fortune. There is rather strong public feeling against his acceptance on the ground of incongruity between Mr. Tennyson's peculiar claims to distinction and the proposed method of rewarding them.

Something very like a quarrel arose in the scientific world from Mr. Romanes's reading before the Linnean Society paper by Darwin on animal instinct, which Huxley thought added nothing to Darwin's fame or the existing stock of scientific knowledge. Mr. Romanes admits that the paper was never revised, but insists that the publication was left to his own discretion. A slight feeling arose also in regard to the proposed memorial to Mr. Spottiswoode, which his friends deem inadequate. The matter was compromised by forming a second committee agreeing to a portrait or a bust to be placed in the Royal Society building.

NEW BOOKS.
Two considerable books have just been published

—Sir Theodore Martin's Life of Lord Lyndhurst, a successful attempt to refute Lord Campbell's biography, but otherwise heavy; and the first two volumes of Lord Lytton's life of his father, comprising thirty years and largely autobiographical.

THEATRICAL AND PERSONAL.

"Claudian," by Henry Herman and W. G. Wills, was produced on Thursday at the Princess Theatre. It was a bold attempt to popularize the poetical drama, depending for its success partly upon the imaginative treatment of an almost impossible motive, and partly upon the elaborate scenic effects. The audience was puzzled and received the play rather coldly. The real triumph of the evening was Wilson Barrett's acting, but the press awards high credit to the authors.

The reported dissatisfaction of the Belgian African Association with Stanley, and the alleged difficulties between him and the negroes on the Congo, are authoritatively denied.

Lord and Lady Rosebery have abandoned their intention of returning from Australia by way of America. They will sail on January 17 for England by the way of the Suez Canal.

Mr. Lowell removes from No. 10 Lowndes square at the end of December to No. 31 Lowndes square, G. W. S.

TALK IN THE BRITISH CAPITAL.

INCIDENTS AND GOSSIP FROM ABROAD.

IRISH POLITICAL COMPLICATIONS—LITERATURE AND THE DRAMA.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—English home politics seem to have dwindled and diminished until they have become merely a war of words. The party leaders and the members of the Cabinet are still undecided as to the policy of extending the Franchise bill. Ireland will consequently remain unsettled and perturbed on this subject until the Cabinet meetings are resumed, which will not be until after Christmas. Whatever the decision may be it will not lead to a split in the Cabinet. The Irish party is at present chiefly absorbed in its preparations for the banquet to Parnell in Dublin next Tuesday. The Nationalists promise to be on that occasion the scene of a National demonstration. The Lord Mayor of Dublin will preside. The first toast will be "Ireland, a Nation," and Mr. Davitt is expected to respond to it. The leading members of the Irish National party will be among the speakers. Covers will be laid for 600 guests, and besides these the gallery will be occupied by about 600 ladies. Subscriptions to the Parnell Testimonial are increasing rapidly, and it is expected that before Tuesday it will have reached 10,000.

The friendly relations between Parnell and the English Radicals are shown by the fact that Mr. Chamberlain has asked him to recommend a person for the existing vacancy on the local Marine Board at Cork. The Tory press furiously assails Mr. Chamberlain for this concession. The victories of the Nationalists in the last municipal elections have resulted in the appointment of Nationalist mayors in the majority of the corporations. These must necessarily be followed by the appointment of Nationalists to the positions of high sheriffs, as the Viceroys is by law obliged to select one of three names which shall be submitted by the corporations.

Earl Spencer has hitherto passed over the names of Nationalists in making his selections to fill these offices, but this year, as the corporations will submit Nationalist names and no others, it will be to him a choice of evils. In Dublin, for instance, he will have the option whether to select Mr. Moore, a prominent Nationalist; Clancy, the late secretary of the National League; or Harrington, the Nationalist Member of Parliament for Drogheda. Limerick is another place where ex-specters are the nominees.

THE CONFERENCE IN AUSTRALIA.

Earl Granville has postponed action on the resolutions of the conference of the Australian colonies until he has received the official documents from Sydney, in course of mail. It seems probable that the policy eventually adopted will be to establish a protectorate. New Guinea is a place where France shall abstain from sending her convicts to the South Pacific, and asks that there be brought about a gradual abolition of the French penal settlements.

PERSONAL NOTES.

The Garmyle-Forbes marriage is an assumed event. The story that the latter has accepted a check is untrue.

The engagement is announced of the Dowager Duchess of Marlborough to Mr. Currie, an attaché of the Foreign Office.

Countess de la Roche, writes to the Times, denies that she has been converted to the Catholic religion. She says that she has met Monsignor Capel, whom she found to be a most agreeable person, but he never even mentioned theology to her; she never even heard him preach.

The number of visits by the ex-Empress Eugenie to M. Rouher arose from her desire to obtain certain private papers that the Emperor had confided to him when he was sent to Sedan. Madame Rouher admits that she gave these papers to M. Rouher's private secretary, and that some of them are lost. Eugenie is anxious to obtain the complete set of documents.

Grand Duke Sergius of Russia is betrothed to Princess Elizabeth of Hesse-Darmstadt, granddaughter of the Queen.

The Empress of Austria is suffering with a severe attack of eczema.

LITERARY.

Max Müller writes to the Athenaeum, that Charles Leland is doing a useful work among the red Indians of New Brunswick; that he has induced them to communicate to him all their traditions, national songs and superstitions, and also the art, which they alone possess, of reading wampum strings. Müller speaks in terms of praise of the revival of American scholarship and says that with men like Leland, Trumbull, Horatio Hale and Charles Leland, all the research that America does nothing for American philology will soon be wiped out.

Browning has written a sonnet for the album to commemorate the unveiling of the monument to Goldoni in Venice.

The English translation of the biography of Princess Alice will not be published until next autumn.

Madame Camille Sever, whose intimate relations with the poet Heine were never made a secret, has issued an edition containing recollections of Heine's last days.

The Swiss Federal Council has sent to the different governments of Europe the resolutions adopted by the late international conference in regard to the protection of artistic and literary property. It asks that the governments remain unmoved. Miss Anderson attends church at the congregation of the Carmelite Chapel at Kensington.

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lived together as man and wife for several years, and that she nursed him through a dangerous illness, and that she received from him, in consideration, a deed of moiety rental of the theatre. The defence set up was that the consideration given for the deed was immoral. This view prevailed with the Court.

The projected American tour of Materna, Scarla and Winkelmann has lapsed, the Vienna Intendant General having refused his permission.

Gerson, the French agent, has purchased for \$9,000 the exclusive right to produce in America the spectacle "Sleba," which is now being given in the Eden Theatre Paris.

The King of Bavaria has given his consent to a repetition of "Parsifal" at Bayreuth this summer. Ten performances will be given.

Connie Reeves, daughter of Sims Reeves, has adopted as the stage on which to make her debut the Brighton Theatre. She is credited with a good voice and with good looks.

OPERATIONS OF EL MAHLI.

DISSENTIONS AMONG HIS FOLLOWERS.

ENGLISH AND EGYPTIAN PRISONERS—THE DEFENCE OF THE FRONTIER.

CAIRO, Dec. 8.—The Mudir of Dongola, in Upper Nubia, telegraphs to the Egyptian Government that the Chiefs of the Kabbabish tribes state that El Mahdi has demanded the submission of those people to his authority, but the chiefs promise that they and their tribes will remain faithful to the Government.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The dispatches received at Cairo today attribute the failure of El Mahdi to continue his advance on Khartoum to the breaking out of dissensions among the heads of the various tribes marching under his banners. Some of these advocate an advance upon Dongola while others prefer an attack on Khartoum. The two factions cannot agree upon a plan of operations.

Mudir at Dongola writes to the Egyptian Government, moreover, that a defection of the Kabbabish tribes to El Mahdi will inevitably occur if that leader's forces continue their advance. Major Evelyn Baring has sent a dispatch to Col. Coote, insisting that an effort be made at once to communicate by means of emissaries with El Obeid in order to ascertain the truth or falsity of the rumors that a portion of Hicks Pacha's force is still on the march at Berber.

Zehbi Pacha, the agent of the Egyptian Government at Corvian, has also received instructions to negotiate with the chiefs of the tribes who are concentrated at the defence of the frontier. After that question has been settled the line of the Mahdi's advance will be ascertained, and the relief troops at Khartoum will receive attention. Should the Mahdi attack Upper Egypt, proceeding by the way of Dongola, Hicks Pacha, acting with the forces which have been concentrated at Assuan, will make a stand against him. The troops stationed at Suakin keep up a continuous firing day and night, at the rebel who are still on the march.

The English officers have led sorties on two occasions, and have put the rebel troops to flight. Hicks Pacha, after pursuing them for a short distance, gave up the chase and returned to the garrison. The consent given by the English to the rebel troops to be permitted to act in concert with the British is explained by the stipulation that they shall carry no Turkish arms, and that they shall be paid by the British Government for their assistance in the war. The Khartoum lays particular stress on the suppression of the revolt at Senaar.

WAR MEASURES OF FRANCE.

AN EXPECTED ATTACK ON BAC-NINH AND SONTAY.

BY ADMIRAL COURBET.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—The *Figaro* and *Gaulois* say it is reported that the Marquis Tseng, the Chinese Ambassador, presented an important dispatch to Prime Minister Ferry on December 8. It has been ascertained, however, that the dispatch merely declares that the relations between the Marquis Tseng and M. Ferry have been in no way interrupted, as certain papers have inferred.

Admiral Peyron, Minister of Marine, has received a dispatch from Saigon, dated yesterday, stating that the French forces have reconnoitred to within two and a half miles of Bac-Ninh. Admiral Courbet reconnoitred the approaches to Sontay, on the Red River, on November 23. He